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—We are glad to learn, that Dr. Shufeldt of the army is about to resume his scientific work at the Army Medical Museum of Washington. It is the intention of the recently appointed Surgeon-General, General Robert Murray, U. S. Army, to place Dr. Shufeldt in the position he formerly held in that institution, and his duties in that field will commence at an early date.

Dr. Shufeldt has during the year just past made very extensive collections of vertebrates and invertebrates in the southern part of the State of Louisiana. This collection amounted to some 3000 specimens, and coming as they do from a section of our country so little known and worked by the naturalist, they are particularly valuable. It is to be sincerely hoped that Dr. Shufeldt will be enabled to work up his collection, and duly give us a report upon the zoölogy of the section in question.

—Charles Leslie McKay, U. S. Signal Officer at Nushegak, Alaska, was drowned in Bristol bay, last April, while on a collecting excursion. Mr. McKay was engaged in a zoölogical survey of the Bristol Bay region under the auspices of the National Museum, and had already sent in important collections. He was one of the most active of the younger naturalists, having given especial attention to Ichthyology. His only scientific publication is a review of the *Centrarchidæ*, in the Proc. U.S. Nat. Mus. for 1881. This paper was an abridgment of a detailed monograph, the manuscripts of which have been destroyed by the burning of the museum of the Indiana university. Mr. McKay was a native of Wisconsin, a graduate of Indiana university, 26 years of age and unmarried.—*D. S. J.*

—In the recent death of Dr. W. Kowalevsky, palæontological science has lost one of its most able cultivators. He was professor in the University of Moscow, and was of the purest and most advanced Muscovitic stock. His contributions to vertebrate palæontology mostly appeared in the German Palæontographica, and were of a high order of excellence. He anticipated several English and American writers in several generalizations as to the descent of the ungulate Mammalia, among the rest in the genealogy of the horses.

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PROCEEDINGS OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES.

BIOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Communications were made by Dr. Frank Baker on the logical method of

teaching anatomy; by Dr. Thomas Taylor on *Oidium tuckeri*, or fungus of the foreign grape vine, with new facts relating to its highest stage of fruit, with illustrations; by Professor Theodore Gill on a new family of deep-sea fishes, the Acanthochænidæ; and by Professor C. V. Riley on the use of naphthaline in medicine and as an insecticide.

NEW YORK ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, Nov. 5.—The relations of Dinichthys, as shown by some recently discovered complete crania, by Dr. John S. Newberry, was the paper for the evening.

Nov. 12.—Dr. Hubbard W. Mitchell delivered a lecture, illustrated with diagrams and stereopticon, upon the succession of animal life on the globe.

Nov. 19.—The following paper was read: Glacial phenomena in the Shawangunk mountains, Dr. Alexis A. Julien.

BOSTON SOCIETY OF NATURAL HISTORY, Nov. 7.—Professor H. W. Haynes spoke of the agricultural implements of the New England Indians; Professor W. O. Crosby read a paper on the origin and relations of continents and ocean-basins; and Dr. M. E. Wadsworth gave brief notes on the lithology of the Island of Jura, Scotland.

Nov. 21.—Mr. William Brewster spoke of the birds observed on the *Arethusa's* cruise to the Gulf of St. Lawrence; and the secretary showed an interesting example of a "home made without hands."

APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN CLUB, Nov. 14.—Reports of councilors were presented, when the following papers were read: The Reconnaissance of the Carter range, by Miss Edith W. Cook; Crow Nest on the Hudson, by Professor W. W. Bailey; An ascent of the Giant's Stairs, by R. B. Lawrence; A trip over Deception, Dartmouth and Mitten, by George A. Sargent; Mount Parker and Mount Nancy, by Albert Matthews; A visit to the Imp Face, by Miss S. M. Barstow.

At a special meeting, Nov. 20, White Mountain photography was illustrated, by W. H. Pickering; Randolph, by Mrs. L. D. Pychowska; The mountains near Zermatt, illustrated, by C. H. Ames.

A trip to Blue hill was made Saturday, Nov. 10.

AMERICAN GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY, Nov. 20.—Mr. George Kennan delivered a lecture entitled, A journey through South-eastern Russia, illustrated with stereopticon views.